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A Supreme Court decision overturned a rape conviction because the victim wore jeans. The justices stated that the victim must have helped the attacker remove her jeans, from which they inferred consent. People all over the world were outraged. Wearing Jeans has become an international symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes about sexual assault. The Denim Day in L.A. protests here in Los Angeles, spearheaded by Peace Over Violence (formerly the Los Angeles Commission on Assaults Against Women), have evolved into an annual county-wide, highly publicized rape prevention education campaign.

NOW, THEREFORE I MOVE that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the month of April 2008 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month," designates April 23, 2008 as "Denim Day," and urges everyone to wear jeans and attend Denim Day observances in their area on April 23, 2008 to help communicate the

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message that there is “no excuse and never an invitation to rape.”; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the Board instruct the Auditor-Controller’s office to work with Peace Over Violence to arrange the printing of DENIM DAY IN L.A. information on employee checks stubs for April 15, 2008 asking County employees to support DENIM DAY IN L.A. by wearing jeans on April 23, 2008 to help communicate the message that there is “no excuse and never an invitation to rape”.

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